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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Akira YOSHIKAWA et al.  
Serial No.: 09/886,976  
Filed: June 25, 2001  
Title: INVESTIGATION DEVICE AND INVESTIGATION METHOD  
Art Unit: 2623  
Examiner: S. Ahmed

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 14, 2005

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the three months subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action dated July 14, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$1020.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Mattingly, Stanger & Malur, P.C., Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. 503.40284X00).

Respectfully submitted,

MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR, P.C.

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